



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Anders Stenberg

Application No.: 09/879,151

Filing Date: June 13, 2001

Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLE

) **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**
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) Group Art Unit: 3761
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) Examiner: Catharine L. Anderson
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) Confirmation No.: 4114
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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.
- ☐ _____ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$ 65 ☐ \$ 130 fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are enclosed.
- ☒ Also enclosed is/are: Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$ 405 ☐ \$ 810 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted _____ on _____ for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:


AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	18	20	0	x \$ 50 (1202)	\$ 0
Independent Claims	4	4	0	x \$ 210 (1201)	0
<input type="checkbox"/> If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$ 370 (1203)					\$ 0
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 0

- ☐ Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge _____ to credit card for the fee due. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2008, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article comprising:
a liquid pervious topsheet,
a liquid impervious backsheet,
an absorbent body enclosed therebetween,
the liquid-impervious backsheet comprising a strip part and a remaining part,
the strip part being an integral part of the backsheet, the strip part having a different color than the remaining part of the backsheet, and
a wetness indicator arranged at an inside of the liquid impervious backsheet in a pattern and being visible through the backsheet,
wherein the wetness indicator is disposed on the strip part such that the location of the wetness indicator is facilitated by the strip part that has a color and wherein that color is different than the color of the remaining part of the backsheet and
wherein the color of the strip part is an indicia that provides an indication of a product type, size, or absorption capacity of the article.

2. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article comprising:
a liquid pervious topsheet;
a liquid impervious backsheet;
an absorbent body enclosed therebetween;
a separate strip of material fastened on the inside of the backsheet, the strip having a different color than the backsheet; and
a plurality of wetness indicators arranged at an inside of the liquid impervious backsheet in a pattern and being visible through the backsheet,
wherein the wetness indicators are disposed on the strip such that the location of the plurality of wetness indicators is facilitated by the strip ~~part~~ that has a color and wherein that color is different than the color of the remaining part of the backsheet and

wherein the color of the strip is an indicia that provides an indication of a product type, size, or absorption capacity of the article.

3-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, the article having a length in a longitudinal direction, the strip part extending in the longitudinal direction of the article over an entire length or at least an essential part of the length of the article.

6. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the strip part extends in a transverse direction of the article and is applied at a part of the article that is intended to form a folding line for a folded packaging position of the article.

7. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the strip part has a width between 1 and 8 cm.

8. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

printed symbols or codes on or adjacent the strip part, the printed symbols or codes also being an indication of a product type, size, or absorption capacity of the article.

9. (Previously Presented) An absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the absorbent article is a diaper or an incontinence guard.

10. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the strip part is between 2 and 7 cm in width.

11. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the strip part is between 3 and 6 cm in width.

12 - 18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, the article having a length in a longitudinal direction, the strip extending in the longitudinal direction of the article over an entire length or at least an essential part of the length of the article.

20. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, wherein the strip extends in a transverse direction of the article and is applied at a part of the article that is intended to form a folding line for a folded packaging position of the article.

21. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, wherein the strip has a width between 1 and 8 cm.

22. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, further comprising:

printed symbols or codes on or adjacent the strip, the printed symbols or codes also being an indication of a product type, size, or absorption capacity of the article.

23. (Previously Presented) An absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, wherein the absorbent article is a diaper or an incontinence guard.

24. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, wherein the strip is between 2 and 7 cm in width.

25. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article as claimed in claim 2, wherein the strip is between 3 and 6 cm in width.

26-43. (Canceled)

44. (Currently Amended) An assortment of products comprising:

a plurality of absorbent articles of at least two different types, sizes, or absorption capacities of the articles,
wherein each absorbent article comprises:
a liquid pervious topsheet,
a liquid impervious backsheet,
an absorbent body enclosed therebetween,
the liquid-impervious backsheet comprising a strip part and a remaining part, the strip part being an integral part of the backsheet, the strip part having a different color than the remaining part of the backsheet, and
a wetness indicator arranged at an inside of the liquid impervious backsheet in a pattern and being visible through the backsheet,
wherein the wetness indicator is disposed on the strip part such that the location of the wetness indicator is facilitated by the strip part that has a color and wherein that color is different than the color of the remaining part of the backsheet,
wherein different colors of the strip part are an indicia that provides an indication of the difference in the product type, size, or absorption capacity of the article.

45. (Currently Amended) An assortment of products comprising:
a plurality of absorbent articles of at least two different types, sizes, or absorption capacities of the articles,
wherein each absorbent article comprises:
a liquid pervious topsheet;
a liquid impervious backsheet;
an absorbent body enclosed therebetween;
a separate strip of material fastened on the inside of the backsheet, the strip having a different color than the backsheet; and
a plurality of wetness indicators arranged at an inside of the liquid impervious backsheet in a pattern and being visible through the backsheet,
wherein the wetness indicators are disposed on the strip such that the location of the plurality of wetness indicators is facilitated by the strip ~~part~~ that has a color and wherein that color is different than the color of the remaining part of the backsheet,

wherein different colors of the strip are an indicia that provides an indication of the difference in the product type, size, or absorption capacity of the article.